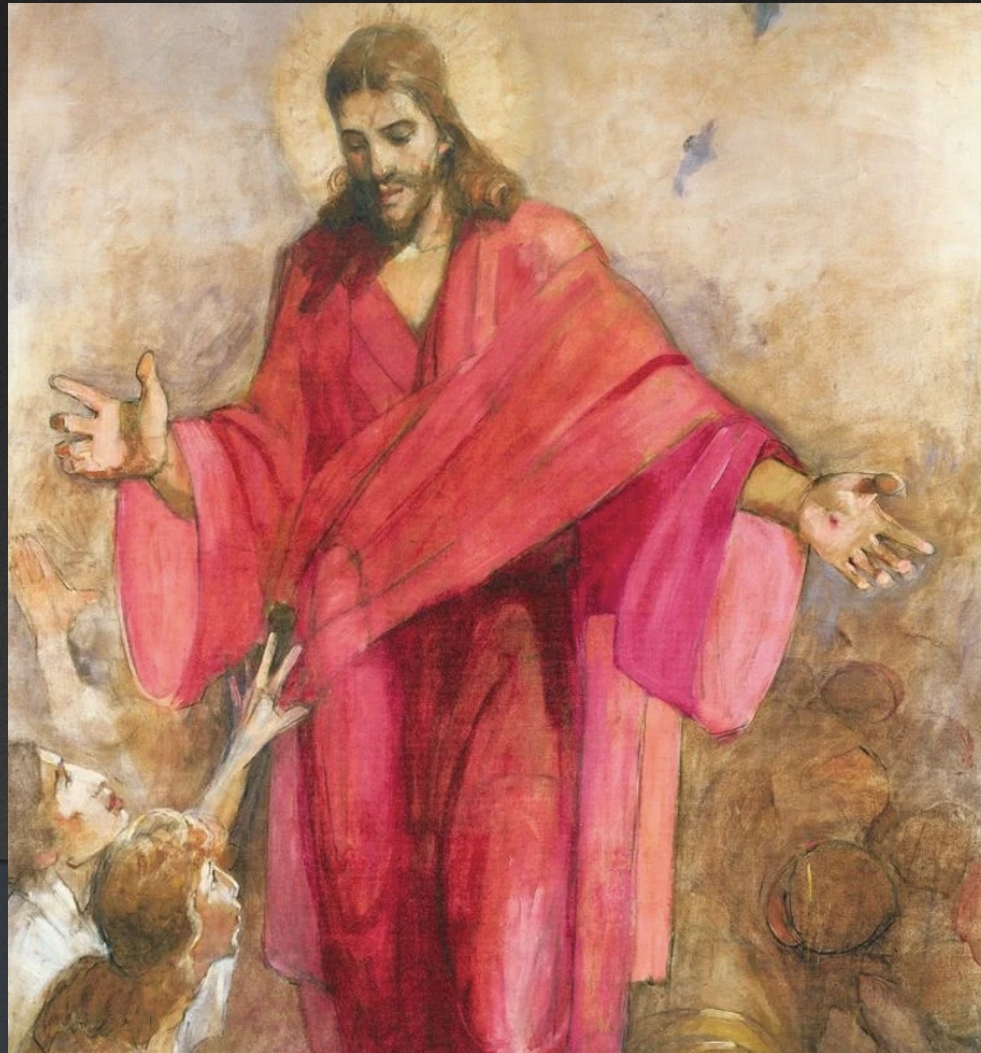


October 12–18

Isaiah 58–66

“The Redeemer Shall Come to Zion”



True Worship

Isa 58:2,5-7

How does Isaiah help us see fasting as an opportunity to draw closer to God and bless others?

Victor L. Brown

“Fasting and prayer is a positive experience. It is a form of worship especially commended by the Lord. As we fast with prayer, we demonstrate our deep purpose, commit that we will do all in our power, and consign the outcome to the Lord.” (CR, Oct. 1977)

True Worship

Isa 58:8-12

What spiritual and temporal blessings does Isaiah describe as coming from a true and spiritually focused fast?

Spencer W. Kimball

“What more could one ask? The companionship of the Lord, light and knowledge, health and vigor, constant guidance by the Lord as an eternal never-failing spring. What more could one desire?” (CR, April 1952)

True Worship

Isa 58:13-14

What does Isaiah teach us we should do—and avoid doing—to make the Sabbath a day of delight and blessing?

Iniquity Causes Us to Stumble

Isa 59:2-4,7-8

What warning does Isaiah give about the consequences of choosing sin, dishonesty, and injustice?

Iniquity Causes Us to Stumble

Isa 59:9-14

What do these verses teach us about what happens when we turn away from the Lord instead of seeking Him for light and direction?

Iniquity Causes Us to Stumble

Isa 59:18-20

In what ways can the Lord's "standard" help us avoid stumbling in the darkness described earlier in the chapter?

Orson Pratt

"The Zion of the last days, that Zion that is so frequently and so fully spoken of by the ancient prophets, especially by Isaiah, is the Church and kingdom of God; and out of that Church or kingdom or Zion is to come a Deliverer, who will turn away ungodliness from Jacob after the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." (JD, 14:64)

Zion in the Last Days

Isa 60:1-5

What do these verses teach us about how the Lord's light in Zion will influence and draw people from throughout the earth?

Orson Pratt

“The Zion that is here spoken of is called to ‘arise and shine, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.’ There is no one thing more fully revealed in the Scriptures of eternal truth, than the rise of the Zion of our God in the latter days, clothed upon with the glory of God from the heavens—a Zion that will attract the attention of all the nations and kindreds of the whole earth. It will not be something that takes place in a corner on some distant island of the sea, or away among some obscure people; but it will be something that will call forth the attention of all people and nations upon the face of the whole earth.” (JD, 16:78)

Zion in the Last Days

Isa 60:10-14

What will ultimately happen to governments and nations that oppose or refuse to follow the Lord's standard?

Charles W. Penrose

“Every kingdom, every government, every society and every power upon the face of the earth that fights against Zion will become like the dream of a night vision, it will pass away and there will be no place found for it upon the earth. But Zion will arise and shine, and the glory of God will rest upon her; and all the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. Then there will be liberty to all.”
(JD 24:302)

Zion in the Last Days

Isa 62:1-3,6-7

What do these verses teach us about what will happen as the Lord establishes Zion and makes Jerusalem “a praise in the earth”?

Orson Pratt

"Kings, nobles, and great men, from all the principal nations of the earth, will come flocking to Zion with their armies, and their servants to view the grandeur of Zion; and they will have to be obedient to the mandates of the great King who shall issue forth His laws from Zion, or it will be no place for them to abide in." (JD, 3:70)

Zion in the Last Days

Isa 60:18-22

What does Isaiah teach us about the source of light in Zion, and why will the sun and moon no longer be needed for its light?

Orson Pratt

"We read in Isaiah of a time when a certain people called Zion should be clothed upon with the glory of God, and their city be lighted up with a cloud by day and the light of a flaming fire by night, and they should be so highly favored that, so far as light was concerned, they should not need the light of the sun by day, nor the moon by night, for the Lord their God would be their everlasting light.... They would be a people upon whom and to whom God could manifest himself as he did to Moses and others; that the knowledge of God would cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep." (JD, 15:229)

Christ's Second Coming

Isa 63:1-6

Why does Isaiah describe the Savior's garments as red at His Second Coming, and what does this reveal about what He will accomplish on that day?

John Taylor

"Jesus accomplished what he was sent to do, and, feeling satisfied of this, when he was about to leave the earth he said he had finished the work his Father gave him to do. But there was another work, another event that was to transpire in the latter days, when he should not be led as a lamb to the slaughter or be like a sheep before the shearers; when he would not act in that state of humiliation and quiescence, but when he will go forth as a man of war and tread down the people in his anger and trample them in his fury, when blood should be on his garments and the day of vengeance in his heart, when he would rule the nations with an iron rod and break them to pieces like a potter's vessel." (JD 10:113)

Christ's Second Coming

Isa 64:1-3

How do these verses help us understand the changes the Lord will bring to the earth when He comes down in His power and glory?

Orson Pratt

"When he burns up the wicked, when he causes the elements to melt with fervent heat, when he causes the mountains to flow down and melt like wax before his presence,... the Lord [will] reorganize the elements... by his power, bringing them together again by his law and by his word, making a new world, and creating a new heaven, and a new earth, wherein, says the Apostle Peter, shall dwell righteousness." (JD 20:8)

Christ's Second Coming

Isa 65:17-25

What kind of world does Isaiah describe in these verses, and how will it differ from the world we live in today?

What changes will people experience in their lives during the Millennium?

Joseph Fielding Smith

“What is meant by the restoration of the earth? This earth is to be renewed and brought back to the condition in which it was before it was cursed through the fall of Adam. When Adam passed out of the Garden of Eden, then the earth became a telestial world....

“When our Savior comes, the earth will be changed to a terrestrial condition and will then be made the fit abode for terrestrial beings, and this condition will last until after the close of the millennium.” (Doctrines of Salvation, 1:85)

Bruce R. McConkie

“Great and marvelous though the changes will be incident to life during the millennial era, yet mortality as such will continue. Children will be born, grow up, marry, advance to old age, and pass through the equivalent of death. Crops will be planted, harvested, and eaten; industries will be expanded, cities built, and education fostered; men will continue to care for their own needs, handle their own affairs, and enjoy the full endowment of free agency. Speaking a pure language (Zeph. 3:9), dwelling in peace, living without disease, and progressing as the Holy Spirit will guide, the advancement and perfection of society during the millennium will exceed anything men have supposed or expected.” (Mormon Doctrine, pg. 496–97)

Next Week:

October 19–25

Jeremiah 1–3; 7; 16–18; 20

“Before I Formed Thee in the Belly I
Knew Thee”

